

Excuse this small
envelope for I have
no other

Camp of the 114th Regt New York Vols.
Near Washington D.C. May 24th 1865

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 22nd was read with
great-pleasure. and perused this afternoon. and
was glad to hear that you were all well, &c.

I went down to see Doctor yesterday but did
not find him there. they told me he had gone to
Wisconsin with a lot of sick and wounded
that were transferred to their own State. and
that he would not be back before the first of
June. I was down there and stayed all night
with him last week.

The great Review is over with. we were reviewed
yesterday. I did not have to go ~~out~~ out on it.
but went down to get a sight at the President
and General Grant. but there was such an awful

crowd that I could not get near enough to get a very good view of them. But made out to get near enough, after getting pretty effectually janned, and toes tread upon, to say that I had seen the President - and Lt. Gen. I did not care a snap to see the troops. would not ^{go} a half mile to see all the soldiers in America.

But of course to any body that never saw an army together it would be quite a sight. There was an immense number of people from the North here. There were some from Brookfield. Here and Norwich also. Clark Nash from Hubbardsville stayed here in our camp last night. The hotels in the city were all crowded and a great many of them had to stay in the camp and take soldiers' fare. which is very good here for we have large tents and could accommodate them very well. I suppose you are expecting us home before a great while. We are making preparations to be mustered out - as soon as we get the order. There is an order from the War

Departments - that all troops whose term
of service expires before the first of October
will be mustered out immediately, our
time is out - the 3rd of September.

We probably will be sent to Elmira or Albany before
we are discharged. but the Officers of the Regt
are trying to have us mustered out in
Norwich, our original place of rendezvous
but I hope they will not succeed. for I think
it will take longer, and then I will be some
ways from home and a poor road to
-ell. The Colonel has gone now, to the city
see Governor Sinton, who is at Willcor
about it. but I dont care much if they
will only start us toward home right
away. well I will not write any more at
present. - tell Hanson to write to me as
soon as he gets back from Lenards Hill.

Give my love to all. I remain your

Affectionate Son

John J. Prand

P.S. I forgot to tell you that
Jerry's wife was here. she has been
here about two weeks. they are boarding
at a private house near our camp. she
comes over most every day. they seem to
enjoy themselves first-rate. I have spoken
with her but once or twice since she has
been here

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